



**NON-PROVISIONAL
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION **Attorney Docket No.: 9976-27US (OB0055US)**
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

which is:

an ☒ Original; or

a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. _____ filed _____.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: ____ or Class ____, Subclass ____.

☐ This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No.
_____, filed _____.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 55 pages.
- ☒ 20 sheets of drawings (formal).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ Newly executed Declaration (copy).
- ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- ☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- ☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☒ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- ☒ Name of Assignee: Oki Data Corporation
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2003-071267 filed March 17, 2003 is
filed: ☒ herewith or ☐ in prior application _____.

- ☐ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and cited references.
- ☐ Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)
- ☐ Other:

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- ☒ In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required during the prosecution of this application, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

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